(b) if so, whether the matter has been investigated and what action has been taken against the persons responsible for violating the purchase policy and to find the vested interest?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) and (b) The Purchase Policy of Kendriya Bhandar provides that products will be procured from manufacturers and where the manufacturers express their inability for direct marketing, that purchases be made from their authorized distributors/agencies. As per information received from Kendriya Bhandar, M/s Hewlett Packard do not undertake direct selling of cartridges. They have appointed their national distributors and apart from that, M/s HP India also appoints their RSR (Registered Supplies Reseller). As per M/s Hewlett Packard business model, even their national distributors are not permitted to undertake the direct selling to customer and they only sell/supply to their RSRs. It is the RSRs, who make the payments to the national distributors, maintain inventory and do the marketing. Kendriya Bhandar have therefore entered into a tripartite agreement with M/s Hewlett Packard and their RSRs duly appointed/authorized by them.

Enactment of Whistleblower's Protection Act

993. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:
SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Supreme Court has directed the Union Government to enact Whistleblower's Protection Act by making the CVC as the guardian authority;

(b) if so, the details of the direction given by the Supreme Court to Government;

(c) the action that has been contemplated by Government in this respect;

(d) whether Government have prepared any draft legislation on this;

(e) if so, the proposed authority is going to cover the Prime Minister; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) and (b) The Supreme Court while hearing the Writ Petition regarding the murder of Shri Satyendra Dubey desired that a suitable machinery should be put in place for acting on complaints of whistleblowers, pending enactment of a suitable legislation.

(c) to (f) The Law Commission of India drafted a Bill entitled "The Public Interest Disclosure and Protection of Informers' Bill, 2002". However, as an interim measure the Government of India has issued Resolution No. 89 dated 21st April, 2004 read with corrigendum No. 98 dated 29.04.2004 authorizing the Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) as a Designated Agency to receive written complaints or disclosure on any allegation of corruption or of misuse of office by a Central Government employees or an employee of an autonomous body or a company owned or financed by the Government. There are also provisions in the Resolution to keep the identity of the informer secret and to protect the informer from harassment and victimization.

LTC to visit Srinagar

994. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken a decision to re-imburse the air fare for all Group A and Group B employees who utilise their LTC (Leave Travel Concession) to visit Srinagar;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the purpose behind taking such a decision; and

(d) what specific measures have been taken by Government to ensure safety of the Government employees visiting Srinagar on LTC?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) to (c) With a view to promote tourism in the Kashmir valley, all Group A and B Government servants have been permitted to travel on